Utilisation of funds for promotion of tourism

†2511. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to promote tourism and culture in the State:

(b) the State-wise and plan-wise funds provided to States including Gujarat and Chhattisgarh for promoting tourism and culture during the last three years;

(c) whether huge unutilised amount is lying in this account;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government have taken for proper utilisation of funds allotted to these States?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Promotion of Tourism is part of the National Tourism Policy. The Steps taken by the Government include-Central Financial Assistance to State Government/Union Territories for development of tourist infrastructure, Fairs and festival and production of tourist literature, refurbishment of monuments and collaboration with Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) the details are gievn in the Staement (*See* below). Separate monitoring for Chhattisgarh was not done during the last three years since State has come into being in 2000-2001 only.

(c) and (d) The execution of Projects and utilization of funds is a continuous process and is carried out by the State Government/Union Territories and resources are always there in the pipeline for ongoing projects.

(e) To monitor progress of sanctioned projects, funds are released in installments. The second and third installments are released on receipt of utilization certificate from the State Governments/UTs. Recently a monitoring system through Regional Directors/Directors of Government of India Tourist Offices and State Governments have also been set up to oversee the progress of the sanctioned projects.

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Statement

Project Sanctioned, Amount Sanctioned And Released During 1997-98,99 and 1999-2000 (All the Projects Including Fairs and Festivals)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sr. No.	State	1997-98			1998-99			1999-2000		
		No. of pro-jects sancd.	Amount sancd.	Amt. Reled.	No. of pro-jects sanced.	Amount sanced.	Amt. Released	No. of pro-jects sanced.	Amount sancd.	Amt. Release
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12	206.70	69.10	10	244.08	87.85	14	222.22	60.48
2.	Assam	14	288.88	94.20	16	457.95	146.14	17	357.35	92.76
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	9	271.00	82.50	6	216.32	65.55	11	239.28	64.82
4.	Bihar	11	233.07	76.37	11	237.29	86.68	5	89.71	21.00
5.	Goa	8	144.62	56.76	14	319.98	104.57	11	279.82	66.43
6.	Gujarat	7	111.84	41.90	15	449.57	125.84	19	327.64	75.59
7.	Haryana	6	98.62	44.83	12	333.93	128.10	9	238.33	67.32
8.	Himachal Pradesh	5	119.00	57.50	10	318.00	164.50	17	691.79	292.88
9.	J&K	10	293.35	173.25	6	192.85	84.50	16	334.58	94.93
10.	Karnataka	10	130.78	71.16	13	407.48	141.10	38	856.40	214.14
11.	Kerala	11	287.00	115.00	13	653.05	177.95	19	699.28	167.44
12.	Madhya Pradesh	9	119.31	49.22	18	471.01	244.29	16	431.08	138.54
13.	Maharashtra	12	169.84	50.14	18	496.27	179.67	30	1003.69	169.02
14.	Manipur	5	186.10	56.35	8	140.49	41.40	10	22.00	70.10
15.	Meghalaya	5	97.70	30.55	5	120.48	37.50	5	30.72	6.46
16.	Mizoram	6	142.45	43.50	8	203.34	62.90	13	267.23	85.51
17.	Nagaland	3	113.90	93.36	11	230.54	75.60	16	291.80	129.99
18.	Orissa	28	552.05	180.00	6	178.60	56.30	19	301.90	88.44
19.	Punjab	6	52.87	15.72	7	241.29	220.15	8	175.00	57.50
20.	Rajasthan	14	135.33	76.05	22	436.28	149.90	12	131.22	34.34
21.	Sikkim	11	73.20	36.95	15	136.03	58.92	13	118.98	43.57
22.	Tamil Nadu	7	59.74	22.86	17	316.20	115.85	27	531.95	99.61
23.	Tripura	8	126.68	81.24	9	169.21	65.50	7	340.76	117.31
24.	Uttar Pradesh	13	221.10	78.17	41	866.14	378.11	36	755.45	218.22
25.	West Bengal	7	125.76	35.00	12	211.13	67.37	6	194.01	12.72
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	—	—	—	4	162.50	49.50	1	32.37	16.18
27.	Chandigarh	—	—	—	3	54.23	20.82	4	69.59	13.91
28.	Dadar Nagar Haveli	1	5.20	2.60	2	20.00	6.00	1	30.00	9.00
29.	Delhi	8	229.86	150.86	13	223.89	104.43	5	24.50	12.20
30.	Daman & Diu	4	60.17	17.25	—	—	—	—	—	—
31.	Lakshadweep	1	5.00	2.50	1	29.00	13.80	—	—	—
32.	Pondicherry	4	35.64	12.83	2	15.00	12.00	10	163.89	53.45
	Total	255	4696.76	1917.72	348	8552.13	3270.79	415	9459.54	2593.86

No. of Projects	1018	for the first three years
Amount Sanctioned	Rs. 22708.43 lakhs	
Amount Released	Rs. 7782.37 lakhs	

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